GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB) has recently been constituted;

(b) if so, the details of the constitution of the Board;

(c) whether there is acute shortage of staff in the Board causing hardship for running day-to-day activities of the Board; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/propose to be taken by the Government to provide sufficient staff to the Board?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): The Board has been constituted on 24th November, 2000.

(b): The Medicinal Plants Board has been constituted under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, and comprising of Secretaries of various central Ministries/Departments, technical experts, NGO, representatives of trade & industry, cultivators, state Governments and other stake holders.

(c)&(d): The Board is supported by five Technical Committees manned by experts of various Ministries and Organisations.There is a Standing Finance Committee to provide guidance and support.The Board has also been provided technical and administrative manpower. The proposal for creation of posts has already been initiated.